

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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POLIO ERADICATION

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the country is on the verge of eradicating Polio P1 virus as per the Global Polio Eradication Initiative;
- (b) if so,the details thereof;
- (c) whether the prevalence of P3 virus has also been curtailed;and
- (d) if so,the status of other strains like P2 and P4 in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

- (a) & (b) Progress has been made in polio eradication programme in India.A total of 63 Polio P1 virus cases have been reported this year so far as compared to 83 last year.
- (c) A total of 472 P3 cases have been reported this year so far as compared to 794 last year.
- (d) P2 was eradicated in India in the year 1999 & P4 virus does not exist.